

**DECONTAMINATION OF PRION-CONTAMINATED SURFACES  
WITH PHENOLS**

**Abstract of the Disclosure**

A method of decontaminating a surface or liquid which is contaminated with prions includes treating the surface with a composition which includes one or more phenol. Phenols which are particularly effective include  
5 p-chloro-*m*-xylanol, thymol, triclosan, 4-chloro, 3-methylphenol, pentachlorophenol, hexachlorophene, 2, 2-methyl-bis(4-chlorophenol), and *p*-phenylphenol.